

WILSON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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As the sixth week of the school year ends, we want to express our gratitude to families and teachers for your ongoing efforts to provide the best education to our children during this difficult time. We know it has been very challenging with the constant changes caused by COVID-19 and your cooperation with the implementation of our Health and Safety Plan is greatly appreciated. Although we have experienced four COVID-19 cases in the District, through contact tracing we were able to identify all individuals who tested positive, and did not contact or spread the disease in our schools. We need your continued diligence and support to minimize the chances of the illness impacting our schools. Please continue to utilize the home screening tool to determine whether or not you should send your child to school. The home screening tool can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

CHANGE OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The last day for families who have children participating in full-time online instruction to return to in-person hybrid instruction was Friday, October 9, 2020. All future changes in educational placements will be dependent on maintaining social distance requirements and online class sizes. As you are aware, the District must maintain six feet social distancing in all classrooms. In doing so, capacity in many classrooms/grade levels is limited or near/at capacity. It is our desire to grant as many requests as possible to move from online to in-person instruction. However, class size limitations must be imposed to ensure the safety of our children and staff. As a result, some requests may not be granted. Please contact your building's main office to discuss your child's placement if you are considering changing your child's instructional program.

ENGAGEMENT IN THE ONLINE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Many students are struggling to be engaged in their classes in the online learning environment as compared to in-person learning. This lack of engagement may be affecting your child's understanding of the course concepts and overall grades. Engagement in the synchronous or asynchronous online classroom is not guaranteed by just having the computer on. The more involved your child is during the lesson leads to greater understanding. To help in this endeavor of increased engagement, we recommend the following:

- Review your child's grades on a regular basis through the Skyward portal. If the grades are lower than you would expect, check to see what appears to be the cause of the lower grades (incomplete assignments, low test grades, low assignment/project grades, etc.). Reach out to partner with your child's teacher to develop a plan to help your child succeed in the online environment. Mid-marking period notices for students who are failing a subject have been posted in the parent's Skyward account or mailed home.
- Develop a schedule (similar to an in-person day) to attend the class on-line and designate time to complete the assignment. Recommend to your child to work through their lessons one class at a time for the courses they have scheduled that day. Have your child show you at the end of each day what they completed and turned in. Provide positive feedback on what they have done.
- If your child does not understand how to do an assignment and is becoming frustrated, develop the strategy to take a break and try again after a few minutes. If your child still does not understand how to do the assignment, contact the teacher through Google Classroom to describe the situation and ask for help. Often the teacher can check in the following day to try to provide assistance.